

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 60th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

Call to Order: By **CHAIRMAN RICK JORE**, on January 5, 2007 at 3:03 P.M., in Room 137 Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Rick Jore, Chairman (C)
Rep. Holly Raser, Vice Chairman (D)
Rep. Roger Koopman, Vice Chairman (R)
Rep. Bob Lake (R)
Rep. Michael Lange (R)
Rep. Jesse O'Hara (R)
Rep. John Ward (R)
Rep. Franke Wilmer (D)
Rep. Norma Bixby (D)
Rep. Mark Blasdel (R)
Rep. Edward B. Butcher (R)
Rep. Douglas Cordier (D)
Rep. George Everett (R)
Rep. Robin Hamilton (D)

Members Excused:

Rep. Wanda Grinde (D)

Members Absent: None.

Staff Present:

Donci Bardash, Committee Secretary
Susan Fox, Legislative Branch

Audio Committees: These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 45, 1/2/2007
Executive Action:

00:02:14 Rep. Grinde arrives.

PRESENTATION ON SCHOOL FUNDING

00:02:47 Greg Petesch, MT Legislative Services Division (LSD)

00:17:56 Madalyn Quinlan, Office of Public Instruction (OPI)

[EXHIBIT](#)(edh03a01)

00:44:24 Sen. Don Ryan

INFORMATIONAL/ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

00:45:20 Chairman Jore

00:46:17 **Vote:** Committee rules adopted by unanimous voice vote

HEARING ON HB 45

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:48:42 Rep. Dan Villa (D), HD 86, opened the hearing on HB 45,
Revise school finance laws.

Proponents:

00:54:04 Madalyn Quinlan, Office of Public Instruction (OPI)

[EXHIBIT](#)(edh03a02)

01:00:57 Lance Melton, MT School Board Association

[EXHIBIT](#)(edh03a03)

01:03:39 Eric Burke, Montana Education Association/Montana
Federation of Teachers

01:05:00 Pete Carparelli, MT Quality Education Coalition

01:06:47 Linda Brannon, MT Association of Business Officials

01:07:32 Darrell Rud, School Administrators of Montana

01:08:09 Dave Puyear, Montana Rural Education Association

01:09:35 Dave Shreeve, Superintendent of Forsyth Schools

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:10:59 Rep. Everett

01:11:29 Ms. Quinlan

01:13:12 Rep. Lake

01:14:00 Ms. Quinlan

01:16:17 Rep. Lake

01:17:13 Ms. Quinlan

01:17:40 Rep. Lake

01:18:20 Ms. Quinlan

01:18:35 Rep. Lake

01:18:40 Ms. Quinlan

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:18:52 Rep. Koopman
01:20:04 Ms. Quinlan
01:20:32 Rep. Koopman
01:21:19 Ms. Quinlan
01:21:52 Rep. Koopman
01:23:30 Ms. Quinlan
01:24:51 Rep. Lange
01:27:05 Ms. Quinlan
01:27:27 Rep. Lange
01:27:36 Ms. Quinlan
01:28:34 Rep. Ward
01:30:04 Ms. Quinlan
01:30:34 Rep. Ward
01:30:46 Ms. Quinlan

Closing by Sponsor:

01:30:58 Rep. Villa

ADJOURNMENT

01:33:54 Adjournment: 4:37 P.M.

REP. RICK JORE, Chairman

DONCI BARDASH, Secretary

RJ/db

Additional Exhibits:

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